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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Notification of Federal Natural Resource Trustees
Site: Pesticide Lab (Yakima)
County: Yakima
State: Washington

TO: Charles S. Polytika, U.S. Department of the Interior -
(Pacific Northwest Region)
Regional Environmental Officer

FROM: Lynda Priddy, Project Manager
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Lynda Priddy

In accordance with Sections 104(b)(2) and 122(j) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, as amended, the EPA provides notification of the following:

Planned deletion of the Pesticide Lab (Yakima) site from the National Priorities List (NPL).

The Yakima Pesticide Lab site is located in Yakima, Yakima County, Washington. The Yakima site was the subject of "clean closure" remedial action pursuant to the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). The site was listed on the NPL in 1982 prior to the RCRA deferral policy where sites subject to RCRA action are not listed. However, deletion of sites from the NPL are subject to Section 300.425(e) of the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP) regardless of the authority under which the site was remediated. Guidelines implementing this section of the NCP specifies that EPA, in consultation with the state, may consider deleting sites from the NPL if EPA finds that no (further) remedial action, pursuant to CERCLA, is necessary to protect public health and the environment.

EPA is considering the Yakima site as a candidate for deletion based on the "clean closure" action implemented pursuant to RCRA where all contaminated material has been removed from the site. The routine deletion process has been modified to consider sites for deletion from the NPL that have been remediated pursuant to other authorities. At present, EPA is in the process of drafting documents to support the deletion process.

The "site" consists of the removal of a septic tank, drainfield and washdown pad which received waste pesticides from 1965 to 1985 and the excavation of contaminated soil from the associated drainfield. Soil and groundwater monitoring was also conducted as part of the cleanup activities under taken by RCRA. Levels of contamination in the groundwater were below health-based standards and therefore did not require remedial response. Subsoil contamination above health-based standards was excavated and removed. Post-closure monitoring is not required at the site.

Documentation of activities at the site includes a closure report approved by the RCRA program office. This document summarizes pre-remedial site conditions, remedial activities at the site and final clean up standards. If you would like a copy of this report please call me at the number listed below. I expect that the proposed deletion notice and the documents supporting deletion will be published for public comment in the Federal Register and local newspapers by mid to late August of this year. This schedule is tailored to enable EPA to obtain its goal of site deletion by September 30th.

Deletion of this site from the NPL will not impact the ability of Natural Resource Trustees to collect damages in the future nor does deletion prohibit EPA from taking additional remedial actions at the site pursuant to CERCLA.

If you have any questions, please call me at (206) 553-2712.

cc: Preston Sleeper
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